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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Budget Staff, DDA

FROM : [REDACTED]
Chief, Management Staff, ODP

SUBJECT : Questions Posed by the Senate Select Committee

REFERENCE : Official Routing Slip for C/AG/O/Comptroller
to C/BS/DDA, same subject, dtd, 04/01/77

1. Questions posed to the Agency by the Senate Select Committee were attached to the reference. Questions designated A-38 and A-41 pertained to the Office of Data Processing and are attached along with the ODP response. Please note the questions are answered from an ODP viewpoint and not necessarily from an Agency viewpoint.

2. The question designated B-4 pertains to SAFE and will be answered by DDI personnel. Answers to the subquestions relating to ODP activities will be included in the DDI response in order to keep the set of subquestions and answers together. If you want a copy of the answers, I will obtain them for you.

Attachments: A/S

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Question A-38: How are these activities managed with the Agency? What restrictions/guidelines are employed internally to insure commonality with equipments of other agencies? Do you have a long-range plan for acquiring and using computers?

Answer : A central computer service serving Agency-wide needs is operated and managed by the Office of Data Processing (ODP). Applications programs are developed by ODP programmers in response to requests by user offices, by personnel in customer offices, or by contractor personnel. User offices obtain the services of the central facility by submitting a formal request describing the support they need. Subsequently, ODP personnel prepare a feasibility study and project proposal for the approval by the requesting Office before commencing work on the project. ADP Control Officers have been designated within the various Agency using components to monitor and coordinate ADP requirements supporting their offices.

The ODP central computer service adheres to Federal Property Management Regulations (FPMR) promulgated by the General Services Administration (GSA) and where appropriate adheres to Federal Information Processing Systems Standards (FIPS) promulgated by the National Bureau of Standards for government wide use. We also participate in the Federal Software Exchange program managed by GSA and in other software exchange programs. A Generalized Information Management System, named GIMS, was developed for the Agency by TRW and is being used by other government agencies. These are examples that enable us to write requirements for standard interfaces to other Federal systems and to take advantage of software that may be available elsewhere within the Federal Government. Where standard interfaces do not apply, we seek joint agreement with the other agencies on interface specifications between our system and the non-CIA systems. For example the COMIREX Automated Management System (CAMS) interfaces with several other systems using jointly agreed specifications.

The Office of Data Processing is in the process of implementing a five year plan for acquiring and using computers that are under its control. The plan is currently being updated.

Question A-41: What is the justification for the two new 360/168 IBM computers proposed in your FY 1978 budget?

Answer : One of the IBM 370/168 computers (or equivalent) projected for acquisition in FY 1978 is part of the Office of Data Processing (ODP) Five-Year Plan and is essential to maintain an acceptable level of availability and reliability of central computer services. Specifically, it will be employed by users of the ODP batch and interactive facilities to process programs that cover the spectrum of computer applications, such as, financial, logistical, medical, scientific, etc.

The other major computer programmed for acquisition in FY 1978 is to provide increased capacity to handle the Deputy Directorate of Operations (DDO) on-line Special Trace and Retrieval (STAR) system and other applications under development by DDO personnel. After installation of this computer, the plan is to shift an IBM 370/158 computer from STAR to support the on-line COMIREX Automated Management System (CAMS) production load which is now processed on an IBM 360/65 computer.